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Re: Notice of Violation
Putnam County
Ottoville WWTP
NPDES Permit

May 27, 2010

Mr. Steve Wittler
Village of Ottoville
Utilities Department
P.O. Box 488
Ottoville, Ohio 45876

Dear Mr. Wittler:

On May 19, 2010, I conducted an inspection at the Village of Ottoville wastewater treatment facilities. You were present and provided information concerning the operation and maintenance of the treatment facilities.

At the time of inspection, all treatment units were in operation and the discharge from the WWTP was slightly turbid with a reddish tint and had no noticeable odor. It was noted that an increase in flow from the recent rain events has created more floating solids in the final clarifier tanks and appeared to be causing solids to flow over the effluent weir. The plant has continually experienced issues with floating solids in the final clarifier tanks. The solids are believed to be from surfactants that are being discharged to the plant. Sampling of the industries that discharge to the plant have been on going to identify the source of the surfactants but to date no source has been identified.

As noted in previous inspection letters, the facility continues to experience very high clean water inflow and infiltration (I&I) during rainfall events. The Village should look at developing a program to eliminate the sources of I&I to prevent negative impacts from the high flows.

A review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for November 2009, to May 2010, shows that there have been numerous permit limit violations. I have enclosed the violations for your review. Further review of your self-monitoring reports for the previous six months, ending April 2010, indicates that you are in significant non-compliance (SNC) with several effluent limits contained in your NPDES permit. The specific instance of SNC is attached on a separate sheet.

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Please note that failure to comply with the NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action by our agency. Steps must be taken to achieve consistent compliance with the final effluent limits in the permit. Your letter dated May 20, 2010, states that the CBOD violations are believed to be from the D.O. probe needing repaired. Please ensure that the necessary steps are being taken to bring the facility back into compliance.

If there are any questions please contact me at (419) 373-3053. Please direct any sludge specific questions to Mr. Andrew Gall at (419) 373-3003.

Sincerely,



Ryan Gierhart
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

pc w/encl: Mayor and Council
DSW-NWDO File

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Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PA00002*HD	November 2009	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	11.	11/1/2009
2PA00002*HD	December 2009	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	12.3	12/1/2009
2PA00002*HD	January 2010	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	12.375	1/1/2010
2PA00002*HD	February 2010	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	13.125	2/1/2010
2PA00002*HD	February 2010	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	12.5	2/1/2010
2PA00002*HD	February 2010	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	15	16.	2/15/2010
2PA00002*HD	March 2010	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	14.5555	3/1/2010
2PA00002*HD	March 2010	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	15.42	17.2730	3/1/2010
2PA00002*HD	March 2010	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	12.6666	3/1/2010
2PA00002*HD	March 2010	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	15	17.	3/1/2010
2PA00002*ID	April 2010	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10.0	12.7777	4/1/2010
2PA00002*ID	April 2010	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	15.0	15.5	4/1/2010

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Facilities in Significant Non-Compliance **

Period: Nov-09 Apr-10

County	Permit #	Facility Name	Major	Station Code	Param Code	Parameter Name	Max Exceed	# Months Significant Exceed (1)	# Months Exceed (2)
Putnam	2PA00002	Ottoville WwTP		1	80082	CBOD 5 day	27.8	0	5